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INDIA.

Calcutta—Cholera and Plague.

Dr. Allan, surgeon to the American consulate general, reports: During the week ended July 6, 27 deaths from cholera and 10 from plague were reported at Calcutta; in all Bengal, 10 cases of plague with 10 deaths were reported; in all India, 368 cases of plague, with 266 deaths.

JAPAN.

Cholera Epidemic on the Miyako Islands.

Surg. Irwin at Yokohama reports: According to information received from Naha, Loochoo Islands, an epidemic of cholera is raging on one of the islands of the Mikayo group, which lies between the Loochoos and Formosa. To July 10 there had been reported 81 cases. On July 29 nearly half of the population was reported to be affected.

MEXICO.

Yellow Fever at San Juan Bautista.

During the week ended August 17, 1912, there were reported at San Juan Bautista 6 cases of yellow fever, with 3 deaths. The total number of cases of yellow fever reported at San Juan Bautista from May 4 to August 17 was 49, with 21 deaths.

PORTO RICO.

The Plague Situation.

From August 21 to 27, both dates inclusive, no case of plague was reported in Porto Rico. The total number of cases reported, therefore, remains the same as that noted last week, namely, 49 cases, of which 33 occurred in San Juan. The work for the control and eradication of the disease is progressing rapidly and satisfactorily. Passed Asst. Surg. Creel, in charge of the work, reported August 21 that Asst. Surg. Williams would be ordered to Ponce for the purpose of opening a laboratory, supervising the ratproofing of buildings, and superintending the catching and poisoning of rats; that Asst. Surg. Ridlon would be ordered to Mayaguez to inaugurate and carry out similar work at that place; that the work to be performed at Ponce and Mayaguez would be similar to that being carried on in San Juan, although necessarily on a lesser scale; and that the work would include the catching and poisoning of rats, house to house inspection, enforcement of ratproofing laws, and especial attention to garbage disposal. A foreman and a gang of rat trappers have begun operations in Caguas, and all rats caught there will be forwarded to the laboratory at San Juan for examination. Ratproofing in San Juan is progressing rapidly, and within a comparatively short period this work will be completed in Puerta de Tierra and Santurce. Ratproofing in the older part of the city of San Juan will be slower of accomplishment, due to the greater congestion and the construction of the buildings.

Passed Asst. Surg. Creel further reports as follows:

Rats examined Aug. 10 to 17, 1912.

Place.	Rats examined.	Rats found infected.	Rats found suspicious.
All Porto Rico.....	1,334
San Juan municipality:			
San Juan.....	257
Puerta de Tierra.....	136	1
Santurce.....	240

A summary of the plague situation to August 17, including all human and rodent cases reported or discovered, was as follows: Rats examined, 9,085; rats found infected, 59; human cases, 49; deaths, 30.

Inspections made Aug. 10 to 17, 1912, inclusive.

Buildings inspected.....	1,006
Cars inspected.....	115
Packages of freight fumigated.....	835
Packages of freight repacked.....	129
Packages of freight inspected and passed.....	11,173
Oxcarts and wagons carrying outgoing overland freight inspected.....	740
Packages inspected.....	9,571
Packages fumigated.....	11
Packages repacked.....	322
Packages inspected.....	9,904
Express packages inspected.....	534
Express packages repacked.....	256
Rats found in freight and express packages inspected.....	8

SOUTH AFRICA.

Durban, Natal—Plague.

Consul Stewart reports July 27 that the diagnosis of plague in a case which ended fatally at Durban July 4 was confirmed July 14. The total number of cases from January 14 to date was 32, with 26 deaths.

VENEZUELA.

Yellow Fever.

Acting Asst. Surg. Stewart at La Guaira reports the occurrence of a death from yellow fever at Maiquetia July 28.

ZANZIBAR.

Zanzibar—Examination of Rats.

Consul Weddell reports that during the two weeks ended July 5, 1912, there were examined for plague infection 1,957 rats. No plague-infected rat was found.